

NOTE FOR THE RECORD.

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Meeting on the 7th February, 1979.

Present: Mrs. Thatcher
Sir Keith Joseph
David Howell
David Wolfson
Adam Ridley

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1) The need for a strong personal staff for Mrs. Thatcher to keep her in touch with the City, industry etc., as well as to support the Government's strategy.

2) The CPRS function to include some thinking about the long-term "search light role" and some assistance with speeches. In developing this role it would be appropriate to involve imaginative outsiders, not necessarily on a full-time basis.

3) CRD to be kept strong and to play an important role, including a real involvement in longer term thinking about policy. It would be important to retain a significant politician as Chairman of the Department.

4) There is a strong case for a regular Steering Committee, chiefly concerned with economic matters and including such Departments as Energy, Trade, Industry, Agriculture, Employment, Social Services and the Treasury.

5) Sir Keith Joseph would consult Lord Trend over certain appointments.

6) Messrs. Howell and Ridley would prepare organograms and paper for the next meeting to focus more clearly the discussion on central functions and organisations.

Circulation: Those Present.

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